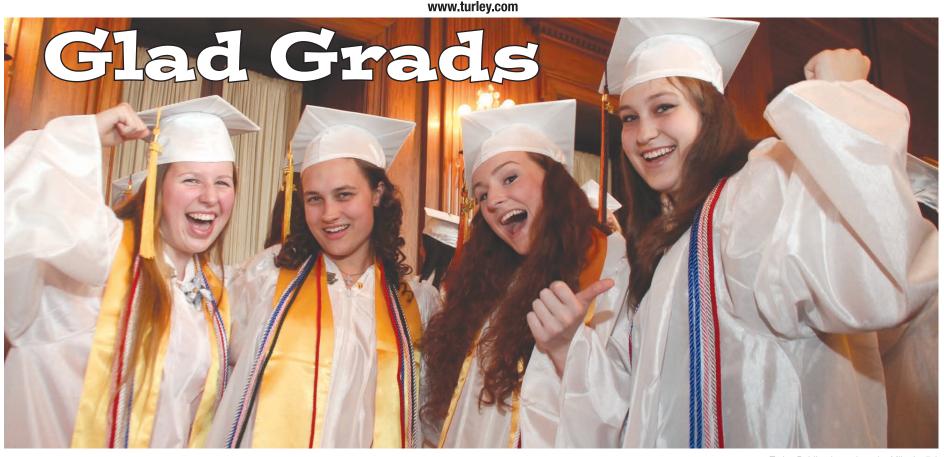
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From the left, Rebecca McKiernan, Maryrose Rovotti, Mackenzie Gendron and Emily Burleson were among the nearly 300 Agawam High School seniors awarded diplomas by Mayor Richard Cohen at Symphony Hall in Springfield on Sunday, June 7. For full coverage of graduation-related activities for the AHS Class of 2014, please see our special graduation section beginning on page 8.

Cichetti answers to campaign finance violation allegation

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - An Agawam City Councilor accused of a campaign finance violation says he is in the process of working out the issue with the state and was set to return a check to an illegal donor earlier this week.

Councilor James Cichetti, who is in his third term as a councilman for Agawam, said he was informed he was in receipt of an illegal campaign contribution in

2013 when he last ran for city council. The complaint, filed by the Massachusetts Republican Party's Executive Director Robert Cunningham, also alleged three other complaints he wanted investigated by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance.

The GOP is alleging a severe lack of reporting by Cichetti and longterm gaps of campaign disclosure. The letter claims Cichetti did not file a year-end report for 2013. Cunningham also said Cichetti raised funds in his 2011 campaign without a campaign treasurer and did not

disclose campaign fund expenditures during the two-year period.

Cichetti said he was unaware he was not able to take corporate contributions for the local election.

"Rules have changed over the years and I did not realize I could not take the donation," he said. "The person who made the donation attended a fundraiser I had last year." He added that he has been in contact with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance and is taking the proper steps to rectify the

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Rossi spars with mayor over employee stipend

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - Eight members of the Agawam City Council got their final look at the fiscal year 2015 budget on Monday night and one member of the council sparred with Mayor Richard Cohen over a stipend for an individual employ-

Councilor Robert Rossi called Cohen to task for negotiating a stipend with the personnel director for the town. Rossi says the personnel director, which is a nonunion position, has a salary that is set by city ordinance and must be approved by the city council. He says Cohen does not have the right to negotiate any type of salary with that individual.

Cohen responded sharply saying he is within his power as mayor to negotiate the stipend and did so to continue to provide a fair wage for an additional task being performed by the employee.

"This employee began dealing with workers' compensation

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Police busy with weekend accidents

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM - Public safety officials here responded to two dangerous incidents during the past week, sending two men to the hospital with injuries.

One occurred early Monday morning when a 22-year-old man was sent to Baystate Medical Center after an alleged drunk driving incident. Police responded to a roll-over accident at about 2:15

a.m. along the highway portion of Route 57. The victim in the crash has yet to have his identity released, but state police Trooper Matthew Stone confirmed that speed and alcohol are currently considered factors in the crash.

The driver was headed east on Route 57 when he lost control of his vehicle and rolled over several times. The driver was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected through the sunroof and thrown 30 to 40 feet, Sgt. Alan Joubert estimates.

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State intrastructure grant money awaits applicants

By Christopher Faille Turley Publications Correspondent

BOSTON - Multi-family housing in the Pioneer Valley may receive a boost from the 2014 Mass-Works Infrastructure Program, which is accepting applications from municipalities for grants form Aug. 18-29. The program, run by the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, has reached its fourth annual round for these grants, designed to support

housing, economic development, and job creation. State Senator Don Humason (R-2d Hampden & Hampshire) encourages the towns of his district to apply. "I know that any grant money awarded to western Massachusetts would be put to good use" he said in a statement.

The first competitive Mass-Works grant round took place in September 2011. Over the whole three rounds thus far concluded, the program has assisted more than 100 projects with more than \$180 million worth of infrastructure improvements.

Last Year's Grants

The 2013 round generated 108 applications, and the state approved 33 of them. One example within the Pioneer Valley: Hadley was awarded a \$61,815 grant for the Shattuck Road Improvement Project, that is, the paving of an 800-foot section of that road just south of the Hadley-Sunderland

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SNAP program seminar open to the public

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts to hold Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Enrollment Event at the Agawam Public Library.

On Monday, June 23, The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts will offer application assistance for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper St., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is free and open to all individuals

The SNAP program (formerly known as food stamps) can give income-eligible households a boost to their budgets to help purchase nutritious food. Anyone who meets the eligibility guidelines can receive this benefit.

Many people assume they are ineligible for SNAP because they own a home and a car. Eligibility is solely based on household size, income and additional expenses. Food Bank staff will be on-hand to prescreen candidates and help determine eligibility. If qualified, they can complete the application with the client and submit it the same day.

In order to ensure the best possible service, it will be helpful for SNAP applicants to provide as many of the following documents as possible:

Proof of identity (license or birth certificate); Social Security number; proof of Massachusetts residency (driver's license, utility bill, or tax forms); proof of earned income (pay stubs from the past four weeks); proof of other income (Social Security income or pension); proof of medical expenses greater than \$35/month (copies of bills and co-pays – only seniors (60 and over) and disabled individuals can claim medical expenses); proof of non-citizen status (green card or immigration papers) non-citizens only.

Although reservations for the event are not required, they are suggested by calling 1-800-247-9632. For more information, visit www.foodbankwma.org.

WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Tim Kane at tkane@



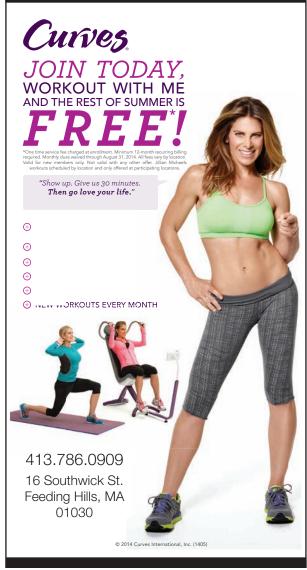


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Humason announces 2014 MassWorks grant program

Senator Don Humason (R-2nd Hampden & Hampshire) is pleased to announce that the fourth round of the annual MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant program will be open to new applications online between June 1 and Aug. 29.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking funding to support housing, economic development and job creation. In addition, the program also supports municipalities with a population of 7,000 or less that may seek grants for road improvements to enhance safety.

"These grants are available to every city and town in the Commonwealth, and I know that any grant money awarded to western Massachusetts would be put to good use. I would encourage any eligible entities in my district to apply," said Humason.

The 2014 grant round will support housing or commercial growth opportunities that contribute to the long-term strength and sustainability of Massachusetts with a particular emphasis on projects that support the production of multi-family housing in appropriately-located mixed-use districts or that support economic development in weak or distressed areas. The MassWorks Program encourages communities to apply for projects where they have planned ahead for such growth by implementing prompt and predictable permitting and zoning that sup-

ports the desired growth

The materials for the fourth round of grants and the electronic application system were put online June 1 giving public entities a 10-week head start on gathering information they need to apply for these grants in August. A copy of the 2014 application, guidelines, FAQs and other relevant materials are available at http://mass.gov/hed/massworks. All data submitted during the 2011, 2012 and 2013 grant rounds will be available to previous applicants for updating, making re-applying easier. All decisions will be rendered within approximately eight weeks

In total, the past three grant rounds of the MassWorks Infrastructure Program have assisted over 100 projects with over \$180 million in infrastructure improvement projects in all areas of the Commonwealth.

The first competitive MassWorks grant round was held in September 2011. In the latest round, the Administration approved 33 projects worth over \$79 million.

The MassWorks Program represents six capital budget programs that were consolidated by the Patrick Administration in 2011 and codified by the Jobs Bill signed by Governor Deval Patrick in August 2012. To learn more about the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and how it is supporting job growth and long-term, sustainable economic development, please visit:http://mass.gov/hed/massworks.



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Mario Tedeschi, of Feeding Hills, gets ready for his sixth run in the Annual "Lace 'em Up for Lexi 5K Run/Walk."

An annual tradition in honor of Lexi

Mario Tedeschi, a junior at Agawam High School, was among runners to take part in the sixth annual "Lace 'em Up for Lexi 5K Run/Walk," Saturday, May 31, in Feeding Hills. He took first place in his age bracket, 17-18 year-old men.

The race is held in memory of Lexi Jagodowski to benefit Griffin's Friends, a cancer charity that brings moments of joy to courageous kids. Lexi lost her life to cancer in September 2008 and was one of many children that have received help from Griffin's Friends.

Tedeschi was a fifth-grade classmate of Lexi's. The students in the class made T-shirts that year, and he was worn his at every race in honor of Lexi.

Upcoming dinner to benefit EvvGirl Foundation

The Agawam Senior Center will host a spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit the EvvGirl Foundation, Friday, June 20, from 5-7 p.m. The Evv Girl Foundation was founded by the Bard family after their daughter, Evan, was killed in a drunk driving accident.

She was attending Curry College, studying to be a nurse specializing in caring for premature infants. All the proceeds from the dinner will be used to purchase webcams for the NICU at Baystate Medical Center, which cost

The dinner will also include a 50/50 raffle and bake sale. Anyone interested in making a donation to the bake sale (pies, cakes, brownies, coffee cakes or cookies) should call Emile Coté at 335-9440.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. They may be purchased at the Senior Center, by calling Coté at the above number, or at the door.

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Congrats to the grads!

For reporters, graduations are pretty routine. We've been through our own graduations, both high school and college, we've been through those of our friends and families, and we've been to many in our coverage area for a number of years.

Sometimes we can get jaded. We're always thinking about the best angles of a story, get a picture of someone hugging or crying, and trying to find the best quotes. Sometimes we're tired and follow the cliches, and sometimes we find something new and interesting.

But for jaded reporters, it is invigorating to sit in the mist of a crowd of cheering, enthusiastic parents, grandparents and siblings as they shout and blow air-horns for their graduates on the stage. To see the pride in their eyes, and see the occasional tear as well. It reminds us just how important these ceremonies are, they are rights of passage and need to be given with due pomp and circumstance.

Sometimes the speeches can be just as hard for the reporters to sit through as for the antsy students who just want their diplomas. But the speeches are part of our traditions, and they do serve a purpose. They make everyone take a step back, relax and ponder the meaning of the ceremony-- a celebration of passage from childhood to adulthood.

For the participants, graduation is both exciting, scary and sad. Many students have been together since they were in kindergarten, or were later combined together for the first time in middle school. This is isn't always great because everyone goes through those awkward and embarrassing stages that we all want to forget, but then again, as adults it's pretty funny to look back. Still, all those experiences--good, bad, awkward--do bind the students together.

As for the truth about entering the real world, the real world is not that much different than school. It's just that the student will have a little more freedom to make good or bad decisions. And one has to take up responsibilities—one has to get a job to pay the rent. No more hanging around the house playing video games, no more bells telling you when to eat lunch or when to go to class.

There are still good, bad and awkward moments, those never go away, but there really are new opportunities. Many will go to colleges and get a degree in one subject only to find jobs in unexpected areas. Others will jump into life by joining the military or getting a job right away.

Eventually many will get married and start families, all of which leads to many other rewards which are better than anything a student would ever encounter in school.

Memories of high school will probably fade pretty quickly as students find their place in the world, but the most important thing a student can do is make the right choices.

That sounds cliché but it is true. One foolish decision can ruin a life, but making the right decision can lead to a rewarding life. Making the right decisions takes discipline, hard work, and doing the right thing even when everyone is pressuring you to do the wrong thing.

Always do the right thing, no matter what.

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Letters to the Editor

Unending community support appreciated

To the editor:

Again, on behalf of my family, I would like to take the time to express our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for so many people throughout our town. When Maggie McCarthy and Beth Ceccarini asked if I would mind if they started a "Wear Pink for Evan" dress down day at the Town Hall with proceeds going to the EvvGirl Foundation, I never imagined that the entire school district and town offices would all participate. Coach Heney and his AHS boys lacrosse team even participated and wore pink for their game that day. This kind of unending support means so much to our entire family and, of course, all of the funds are helping local families with preemies at Baystate's NICU and that is truly a wonderful thing.

Agawam Rotary is also helping with several fundraisers of its own, including the recent Paint-Sip-Fun event at Oak Ridge Country Club. Special thanks go to Gina Letellier and Susanne DeVillier for their hard work as well. Emile Coté has organized a fundraising dinner to be held at the Agawam Senior Center Friday, June 20, from 5-7 p.m., with the proceeds going to the purchase of the webcams as well. Please consider joining us. As Maya Angelou said, "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud," and you have all given us so many rainbows!

Barbara Bard Agawam

Vottero best qualified for DA position

To the editor:

We urge voters to consider the qualifications of Brett Vottero, candidate for Hampden County District Attorney. Consider his experience: Hampden County Assistant District Attorney; Chief, Homicide Unit; Chief, Arson and Special Prosecutions; Assistant Attorney General; First Statewide Arson Prosecutor; Special Prosecution, Northwestern District Attorney's Office (Arson and Homicide Prosecution).

We endorse his candidacy for DA and believe he is the best qualified to do the job on the first day with his feet on the ground and his experience and qualifications to back him up.

This is a race to put a qualified and experienced person in the DA's seat and Brett Vottero will do the job. Vote Vottero in the September primary.

Anthony C. Bonavita

Mayor comments on nurses' collective bargaining

To the editor:

As I have stated previously, I do not believe it

is productive to negotiate in the press. However, I also believe that the public has a right to accurate information. Therefore, I have decided to provide this brief statement.

The parties have been negotiating for a short period of time. The bargaining unit chose to change to a different union. The town indicated throughout the process that it would recognize whichever union was successful in the election. The town signed an Agreement of Consent Election, which waived a hearing and instead allowed for an earlier election. Once this process was completed, the parties commenced negotiations.

In regard to the economic position of the parties, the Association has only released one aspect of the town's proposal (i.e., the general wage increase). In this regard, the town has offered the same wage increase that all other bargaining units have received (i.e., 5 percent increase over three years). However, in an attempt to address the concerns raised by the association, the town also proposed to eliminate the two lowest paying steps.

Further, the town proposed to add an additional \$1,000 to the two highest paying steps effective July 1, 2014, and again on July 1, 2015. These additional proposals were included in the initial economic proposal submitted by the town. The proposals provide a means to address the concerns of the Association by both increasing the salary for new employees as well as increasing pay for employees who have longevity with the town.

The town remains hopeful that the parties can reach an amicable resolution and continues to support and value the hard work performed by the nurses on behalf of our town.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen

Golf tourney a big success

To the editor:

On behalf of the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center and the Agawam Rotary, we wish to thank you for the success of our recent 19th Anniversary Golf Tournament held June 4 at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

It was a dry, fair-weather day in the 70s. Our current report, after expenses, is a grand total of \$6,800 of which Rotary's share is \$1,700 for their annual scholarship and the Friends of the Senior Center is \$5,100. This represents four months of organizational work that culminates on tournament day. We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you to the Agawam Rotary, to Betty Grimaldi for the donation of a week in Hilton Head, and to Carol Bernazki for the delicious food and her ability to get free donations.

We would also like to extend the committee's appreciation to the Agawam Municipal Golf Course and manager Anthony Roberto and his staff for making this year's tournament run so smoothly.

A big thank you to all of the 86 players, including the winners. Thanks to all of our sponsors for their generosity: Mario Tedeschi, Allied Flooring and Paint & Gold Sponsor, Colonial Forastiere Funeral

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Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, June 16: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, June 17: 9 a.m., Knitting, Shuffleboard (meet at St. John's courts); 10 a.m., Coffee Hour with representative from Nicholas Boldyga's office; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("The Errand Boy"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 3 p.m., COA Meeting; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, June 18: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor (Coffee Shop); 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 2 p.m., Office Hours w/Jack Welch (CPA); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, June 19: 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, June 20: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art Class; Noon, Canasta; 12:45 p.m., Ice Cream Social; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold; 5-7 p.m., Spaghetti Supper Benefit for EvvGirl Foundation.

Lunch menu

Monday, June 16: Pancakes, sausage, muffins, juice, cantaloupe.

Tuesday, June 17: Hotdogs, baked beans, coleslaw, pudding.

Wednesday, June 18: Roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, squash, gravy, baked good.

Thursday, June 19: Chicken orzo soup, low-sodium ham salad on roll, beet salad,

Friday, June 20: Baked fish, rice pilaf, spinach Jell-O.

'Yoga for Boomers' at the Senior Center

"Yoga for Boomers" is offered at the Agawam Senior Center with classes for everyone, from beginner to those who want a more challenging class. Due to popular demand, there are now six classes being offered.

Beginner (gentle) classes are held Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m.; intermediate classes, Mondays at 8:15 a.m., Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m.; restorative yoga, Fridays at 8

Aging results in a loss of mobility, balance, weaker bones, decreased muscle strength and flexibility. For some people, osteoarthritis presents additional challenges. When practiced regularly, yoga addresses all of these issues by actively stimulating and enhancing muscles, increasing strength and flexibility and improving balance.

Classes are designed to stretch the body in a series of tried and true postures, allowing for greater range of motion to muscles and joints. Aside from the physical benefits, a regular practice improves sleep and decreases stress.

New this spring, restorative yoga is now being offered every Friday morning at 8 a.m. "It's more passive than the other classes," said Mary Ann Dietschler, class instructor. "It targets the deep connective tissues like ligaments, tendons, and joints. Seemingly simple, it's not as easy because the goal is

total relaxation to the point that you feel you're melting into the mat. Relaxation is challenging in our frenetic world, but with a little practice it can be done.'

The fee is \$5 per class, but the first class is always free to newcomers. For those hesitant about doing yoga, Dietschler encourages you to sit and observe an entire class before doing it.

Classes are 80 minutes long with the first 60 minutes dedicated to movement, and the remaining 10 minutes set aside for rest, restoration, and reflection. "Ending class this way is beneficial to both our mental and physical well being," according to Dietschler.

For more information, call Dietschler at 789-2831 or email Maryanndietschler@

Grandparents, grandkids invited to senior center

The Agawam Senior Center will welcome grandparents and their grandchildren for games, crafts, face painting and food Friday, June 27, from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for grandparents and free for grandchildren. To make a reservation, call 821-0605, ext. 0.

Strawberry Salad

TABLE

FOR TWO

Ann Macey

categories of food dishes: appetizers, beverages, main dishes, soups, salads, and of

is finally here and you have uncovered your grill, my strawberry salad will make a wonderful compliment to your grilled chicken or

Feta cheese gives this side dish a salty dimension to the mild coolness of the strawberries, but Goat cheese may be substituted for a milder taste. You may substitute any type of salad greens for the Romaine or you may wish to use a mixture of different greens. I use Romaine in most of my salads because it holds up well to the dress-

ing without wilting. Adding a bit of Arugula will give it a peppery taste and a touch of baby spinach will add a vibrant green color for eye appeal. It is best to wash your strawberries just before serving. Washing and cutting them ahead will cause them to be soggy.

I have found that with only two in our household, having a multitude of salad dressings in the fridge can be wasteful. I hate the day I go through my fridge only to find

Fresh strawberries can be included in all two or three bottles of dressings that have expired. To solve this problem, I always have Italian dressing in my fridge and I use course, desserts. Now that the good weather it as a base to for marinades and other salad

> dressings. If you have balsamic vinaigrette in your fridge or pantry, omit the Italian dressing and use one-and-a-half tablespoons of your vinaigrette.

Strawberry Salad

1 T. Italian salad dressing

1/2 T. Balsamic vinegar

1 C. sliced fresh strawberries 2 C. chopped Romaine lettuce

2 tsp. crumbled Feta cheese

Toss dressing, vinegar, strawberries, and lettuce in a medium-large bowl. Divide into 2 salad plates and sprinkle each serving with crumbled cheese.

Ann Macey is the author of 'ANN'S TA-BLE FOR TWO: Quick & Easy Two Serving Recipes.' Ann welcomes your questions and comments. You may contact her at AnnsTable@gmail.com.

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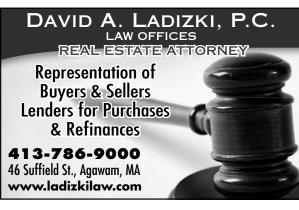
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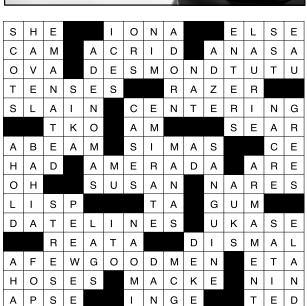
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Thirty prizes were also raffled off, including four tickets to the Red Sox vs. Chicago Cubs on June 30 from Chris Sparks of the Agawam Park and Rec. Thanks to all who donated, including restaurants, other local business and individuals.

You have all given towards two very important funds in the town of Agawam. We look forward to seeing you at the 20th tournament in June 2015.

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Police busy with weekend accidents

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The crash is still under investigation, but with alcohol being considered a factor in the case, charges are pending on the victim as of press time. The victim is still at Baystate with serious injuries.

The Agawam police assisted at the scene and a K-9 unit was brought in to assist with the investigation to see if any other victims were ejected from the vehicle. The state police Springfield barracks is conducting the investigation into the crash.

In another weekend incident, a man was transported to Baystate Medical Center after suffering non-life threatening injuries in a more than 100-foot fall in a quarry. The incident happened in the early afternoon hours last Saturday, June 7, in a wooded area near the Agawam-Southwick line.

Police say a man fell in a quarry and dropped between 100 and 115 feet. The man has not been identified, but is in his mid-20s. Agawam received assistance from Southwick rescue personnel as they recused the man from the quarry and transported him to Baystate Medical Center. There was no further update on the victim or his condition.

In other news, area police are alerting residents to a phone scam that has been circulating in the area. Southwick police are warning area residents that they could receive phone calls requesting they send money for a family member that is need of treatment because they have been in an accident. Another scheming caller has tried to fool residents into believing a family member been arrested and money is needed for bail. Southwick police are saying not to send money to anyone in that situation or provide personal information over the phone.

In cases where a person is brought into an emergency room, hospitals never solicit money prior to treating a person's injuries. They are always treated first and family is contacted to make major decisions on courses of treatment.

In the case of an arrest, police may call and inform someone that a family member has been arrested. However, that is usually in the case of a juvenile offender.



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Cichetti answers to campaign finance violation allegation

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"I am returning the contribution to the donor and providing the state with documentation that I have done so," said Cichetti.

He said the other allegations by the GOP have been investigated and he only needed to return the donor check, which was for \$50.

"I was made aware of the situation," said Cichetti. "I am definitely not trying to do anything illegal. There was an issue, and I am taking care of it."

He says the state will not be issuing a fine for the viola-

Cichetti was considering a run for state representative against incumbent Nicholas Boldyga, D-Southwick, but found himself in accidental violation of state laws concerning running with a party designation. He said he filed papers as a Democrat to run for state representative with the proper number of certified signatures.

"I have always voted Democrat in primaries," said Cichetti, "but I am unenrolled."

Because of his political voting in primaries, Cichetti assumed he was able to take out nomination parties and run as a Democrat. Unfortunately, he missed the deadline to change his political designation.

"I am trying to work out the situation with the Secretary of State," said Cichetti, "but I am not on the ballot as a Democrat at this time."

With Cichetti's disqualification from the ballot, it is unclear whether or not Boldyga will have a challenger in the upcoming election. "It was a painful piece of education," Cichetti said of the error.

Until more recently, unenrolled voters had to actually change their political designation in order to be able to vote in a primary. If the voter wanted to stay unenrolled, they would have to fill out paperwork to change their party back to unenrolled after they have voted in the primary.

Currently, an unenrolled voter who approaches a primary situation can simply pick one primary (Democrat or Republican) without having to change their political designation. A notation is simply made of which primary they voted in.

Rossi spars with mayor over employee stipend

STIPEND, from page 1

claims during the previous administration," said Cohen. "Her stipend was given to her by then mayor (Susan) Dawson and City Solicitor Christopher Johnson (the current council president)."

Rossi argued vehemently that Cohen was outside of his authority in continuing to give the employee the stipend, which was raised from \$5,000 to \$8,000 for FY2015. Cohen said the raise in the stipend was due to a larger number of compensation claims she was handling.

Cohen told Rossi the employee's salary was set by city ordinance and has not been touched in the budget. The stipend is a separate line item, and Cohen says he has the right to set the number.

Rossi disagreed.

"That is not what a stipend is for," said Rossi. "That is a supplement to her salary."

Rossi made a motion to have the \$8,000 taken out of the budget. Council Vice President Dennis Perry, who presided over the meeting in Johnson's absence, told Rossi to make the motion to remove it from the budget when it comes up for vote at the council's June 23 meeting.

Councilor Gina Letellier also queried Cohen about the line item, saying she would like to see more of a paper trail regarding the hours spent on the workers' compensation cases.

"The paper trail is in the cases she's handling right now," said Cohen.

Letellier also questioned the stipend's validity if the employee handling the extra work is still working within her normal hours "Workers' compensation claims are not in the job description of the personnel director," said Cohen.

Having the claims handled by this employee instead of the law department has actually saved the town money over time, he added

Several other departments made brief presentations at the second installment of the FY2015 Budget Workshop. The first session was held last Monday, June 2.

Few additional requests were made in the next budget cycle. Parks and Recreation Department Director Christopher Sparks did request some additional maintenance funds. He said the expansion of School Street Park prompted the need for more funding. The law department requested more hours for their law clerk due to the workload and requirements from the IRS

The public hearing for the budget is set for June 23 at the regular council meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at Roberta G. Doering School. Following the public hearing, the entire council will discuss the budget and likely vote whether or not to adopt it. The budget must be adopted by June 30.

State infrastructure grant money awaits applicants

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town border, improving the road surface for all-weather travel.

On a larger scale, Wales received a grant of \$881,923 for the Union Road-Roadway and Drainage Improvements Project. The town itself has committed another \$33,000 to the design and engineering of the project, which is designed to support denser housing in the Woodland Heights area.

On the western edge of Hampden County, a 2013 grant under this program went to Tolland, for the Route 57 Improvement Project (\$990,000), both repairing the surface of the road and addressing drainage issues. Tolland is making a \$30,000 contribution.

This Year's Focus

The 2014 grant round will have a particular emphasis on projects that support the production of multi-family housing in appropriately located mixed-use districts or those that support economic development in distressed areas. An applicant will help itself by showing that it has already planned for such growth through its permit and zoning practices.

The program is consolidated of six former grants programs: Public Works Economic Development (PWED); Community Development Action Grant (CDAG); Growth Districts Initiative Grant Program (GDI); Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion Program (MORE); Small Town Rural Assistance Program (STRAP); and the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program.







Families

AJWC dinner to benefit 'Shot for Life'

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its annual International Pot Luck Supper Tuesday, June 17. Members will prepare dishes with an international theme. There will also be a paper bag auction; each item will have an international theme with a majority of the proceeds donated to Shot for Life.

This is the final meeting for the summer. Any interested women are invited to attend meetings beginning in September. The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership, of Massachusetts. Members are known for their many community service projects throughout the year.

To learn more about membership, call Christina at (413)

AHS Class of '79 plans reunion

The Agawam High School Class of 1979 will hold its "25 + 10" – 35th class reunion Saturday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. The event will take place at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., (formerly Alexander's Restaurant), Feeding

Tickets are \$25 per person and may be purchased by mail. Checks made payable to Agawam High School Class of 1979 may be mailed to Eileen Hurley, 2093 Westfield St., West Springfield, MA 01089-2073.

For more information, email Lisa Allen at lisaallen 1618@ yahoo.com, Sue Deitelbaum Mulkern at Rosevine61@aol. com or Lori Andruss-Jewell at Andruss26@comcast.net.

READLocal to host SRP kick-off event

READLocal 2014 will host a group book-signing event to kick off the Adult Summer Reading Program, "Literary Elements," Monday, June 23, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

The public is invited to meet 10 local authors, enjoy refreshments provided by The Atrium and find out about upcoming summer events at the library. The authors attending include Kristie Poehler, Gayle Suzanne, Joy Mastroianni, Alexander O'Neil, Nancy Hale, Brunhilde Luken, Roland Crevier, Annette Aberdale-Kendra and Sandra Howell.

Books will be available for purchase and signing and will be featured on the fiction kiosk at the library this month.

"Literary Elements" will begin June 23 and continue until Aug. 15. Participants will read or listen to a book checked out on their own card from the Agawam library, fill out a review slip and place it in the box at the Literary Elements Showcase. Completed review slips will be drawn in a raffle Friday, Aug. 15, at 3 p.m. for prizes worth \$25. The more books each participant reads, the more chances there are of winning one of 20 prizes.

For a listing of the events, visit www.agawamlibrary.org. To register, visit the website or call the library at 789-1550,

Dion graduates from the Naval Academy

Navy Ensign Justin D. Dion, son of Benoit Dion, of Feeding Hills, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank.

Graduation and commissioning is the culmination of a rigorous four-year program of intense academic, military and physical training designed to produce combat leaders of character for the Navy and Marine Corps.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy is a four-year military service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the Naval service. Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. In addition to a rigorous academic program, they also study subjects like leadership, ethics, small arms, military drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering, weapons and military law.

Midshipmen also train at naval bases and on ships in the

fleet every summer. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and will go on to serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

Dion is a 2010 graduate of Agawam High School.

Council meeting re-scheduled

AGAWAM - The June 16 meeting of the City Council has been rescheduled and will be held Monday, June 23.

<u>Public Safety</u> POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 323 calls for service from June 3 to June 9. The department made 9 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Wednesday, June 4

Darrell P. Malachowski, 34, of 8 Squire Lane, Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended for OUI, and speeding in violation of special regulation.

Friday, June 6

Michael A. Rash, 24, of 9 Miller St., Westfield, was arrested on a warrant.

Saturday, June 7

Amanda M. Cruz, 26, of 281 Allen St., Apt. 3rd Floor, Springfield, was arrested on a warrant.

Omar Moreno, 30, of 108 Sheri Lane, Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Dalia Nid Perez, 18, of 41 Longview St., Apt. 1st Floor, Springfield, was arrested on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Sunday, June 8

Drew Blanchard, 18, of 196 Old Lake Shore Road, Laconia, N.H., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Benjamin Pregent, 21, of 12 Davis Place, Laconia, N.H., was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Monday, June 9

Samuel Stephen Senecal, 24, of 80 Fair St., Chicopee, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

Riley Thomas Hartnagel, 19, of 57 Barclay St. Apt. 3, Worcester, was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 54 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from June 2 to June 9.

On June 3 at 3:44 p.m., the department responded to Elm Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On June 3 at 11:13 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system activation, no fire - uninten-

On June 5 at 6:06 p.m., the department responded to Meadow Street for cooking fire, confined to container.

On June 5 at 7 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for unauthorized burning.

On June 6 at 11:30 a.m., the department responded to Florida Drive for public service. On June 6 at 8:33 p.m., the department responded to River

Road for lockout. On June 7 at 8:51 a.m., the department responded to Main

Street with no incident found on arrival at dispatch address. On June 7 at 3:48 p.m., the department responded to Feeding Hills Road to assist police or other governmental

On June 7 at 7:46 p.m., the department responded to cooking fire confined to container.

On June 7 at 9:09 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for unauthorized burning.

On June 8 at 5:31 a.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for unauthorized burning. On June 8 at 3:52 p.m., the department responded to Main

Street for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire. On June 8 at 10:32 p.m., the department responded to Kel-

logg Avenue to assist invalid. On June 9 at 2:22 a.m., the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On June 9 at 2:17 p.m., the department responded to Almgren Drive for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On June 9 at 5:26 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service assistance, other. On June 9 at 5:18 p.m., the department responded to Main

Street for lockout. On June 9 at 7:02 p.m., the department responded to Hunt-

ers Green Circle for service call, other. On June 9 at 7:48 p.m., the department responded to South

West Street, was dispatched and canceled en route. On June 9 at 9:29 p.m., the department responded to Suf-

field Street for malicious false alarm.



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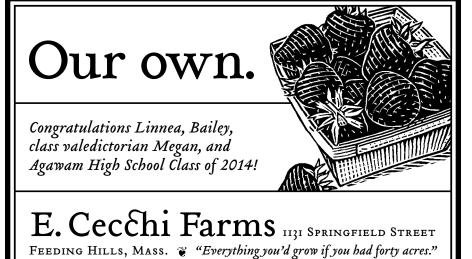
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Introducing the Agawam High School Class of 2014



HCU SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



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The Holyoke Credit Union (HCU) awarded six scholarships at a recent ceremony for it 2014 scholarship program. Each recipient will receive \$500 to put toward college expenses. Among the winners were Agawam High School graduates Nathan Sheridan and Danielle Stratton. From left, Michael Ghazil, HCU board member, Phillip Slater, Jessica Lamagdeleine, Erin Hebert, Olivia Bonebo, Sheridan, Stratton and Dennis Moran, HCU board member.

CONGRATULATIONS, C-TECH GRADS



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Several Agawam students graduated Friday, May 30 from Career and Technical Education Center in West Springfield. From left, Nicole Kirkpatrick, Kelsey LaMountain, Nico Nolfi, Kylie Clark and Shakoria Powell.



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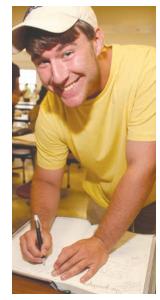


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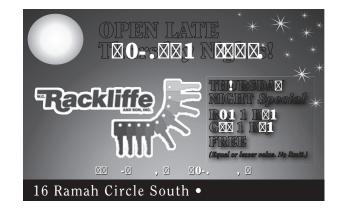
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Graduation launches Class of 2014 on the road to life

By Mike Lydick Turley Publications Correspondent

There was much pomp and circumstance and plenty of celebrating as nearly 300 Agawam High School seniors took their first big step toward pursuing their big dreams for the future.

The Class of 2014 marched into Symphony Hall in Springfield last Sunday as high school seniors. Nearly two hours later -- when they moved their tassels from the right side to the left side of their mortar boards -- they became graduates who are beginning new chapters in their lives.

The key to their future is the certificate with their name printed on it – their diploma. The diploma they received on June 8 when they walked across the stage as nearly 3,000 friends and family watched is more than just a piece of paper. It's a major building block for the rest of their lives.

That diploma will open the door to pursuing more education at a college or university, choosing full-time employment in a trade, starting a military career, or taking on many other challenges.

But before they received their diplomas so they could celebrate their achievement and start their new journeys, the Class of 2014 heard some parting words of advice from class leaders, school administrators, and the mayor.

'No telling where we'll go'

Valedictorian Megan Cecchi said her class has been through a lot during their past four years, adding that they should "be very proud" to be walking across the stage to accept their diplomas.

"Throughout our time at Agawam High, we've all learned a tremendous amount of information," she said. "Yet, when I think about what I will take with me when I head off to college in the fall, it's not so much what I have learned from books and notes, but rather the experiences I have had, and the people that have influenced me."

Cecchi said getting an education is not about all of the information; it's about learning how to think for yourself, so that you have the ability to do something with the knowledge you are given.

"I can say with confidence that we've all developed this ability together during these past few years, and I think it bodes well for our futures. Each and everyone one of us will take something from high school with us, and apply it further down the road, whether we are entering college, the armed services, or the work force. The possibilities are endless, and I cannot wait to see where you all end up and what you will do with your lives -- thank goodness for Twitter and Instagram."

She told her classmates that as the Class of 2014 says goodbye to the halls of Agawam High School, they can be sure that the memories will remain. "Never forget all the lessons you have learned and the people you have met along the way. It's crazy to think that this chapter of our lives is over -- but this is just the beginning."

Cecchi added that what they've learned in high school is the foundation for the rest of their lives. "We've been given the information and skills that we need, and now it's our turn to apply them. We're on our own for the first time in our lives. We finally have the ability and the liberty to think for ourselves and there's no telling where we'll go."

She urged her classmates to keep reaching. keep seeking. and keep using their abilities to bring out the best in those around them, and in themselves. "As you do, you can and you will, dare I say it, change the world. Congratulations -- we did it!"

A diploma is 'a great card' to have

"This is a day to feel triumph in your veins," salutatorian Nolan Sheridan told his classmates.

"You've done what our 14 year-old freshman minds thought inconceivable: escaping from Agawam High School. I couldn't be more proud of each of you -- the same kids I've watched grow, struggle, laugh, and

learn, for achieving this great milestone in your life," he said.

"You stuck it out when things got rough just to make it through, pushing yourself during every hardship and turmoil that life, our friends, our families, and our lovely administrators, threw your way. You made it here to sit beside me as we step across this stage and enter the uncertainty of the future."

Sheridan told his classmates that "a diploma's a great card to have in your hand," but it's not the only card in their deck. "High school equipped us with many ways to deal with the hand life has dealt us. It might not have always been the most fair or the most fun, but high school introduced us to a whole new world of experiences: the work force, the balance of responsibility, the exposure to dozens of friends we've made, lost, and made again."

Sheridan added that in the long run, that experience has given them the ability to interact with and react to people of varying personalities, and has proven to be "a fundamental teacher" in choosing which battles are worth fighting.

"All in all, high school's been a lot more than just a workplace and temporary purgatory. It's inevitably become the very foundation for the rest of our lives. Here is where we grew together, from the days of coloring books to doodling in our chemistry books; from the days of childish fun to teenage rebellion," he said. "Here's where we made our beginnings, our friendships, and our memories."

He told his classmates one thing they'll never lose is their history. "Congratulations to my friends and peers. Good luck and have a great future -- or not; the choice is yours."

'An amazing group of intellectual, talented, kind-hearted individuals'

Class President Caitlin McCarthy said graduation is a "huge step." She told her classmates it's perhaps the biggest step they've taken in 13 years -- "since the day we slung our first backpack over our shoulders and entered kindergarten together."

McCarthy said graduation day represents "the beginning" of a fresh start, adding that it will be a journey that will challenge "each and every one of us."

She told her classmates that for so long, they've lived through the rules of others. their daily lives dictated by the regulations of administrators, teachers, and parents. "Suddenly, these are all going to disappear. As hoped for, some moral obligations will stick with us. But the thing is, these are now choices. What were once benchmarks and requirements, followed by threats of detention and suspension, are now simply lifestyle choices that we each now have."

Graduation, said McCarthy represents freedom of choice and expression, freedom to speak up and to step out. "No longer are we performing to represent AHS. Although we are all Brownies, and will continue to be as we grow old, we are now considered more than that. We have experienced Agawam High School and taken life lessons with us. It is now our jobs to apply all that we've gathered to life outside of school."

Calling the Class of 2014 "an amazing group of intellectual, talented, kind-hearted individuals," McCarthy said all of them have accomplished "impressive feats," She said she hoped they would be filled with pride as they felt the swish of the tassel against their cheeks. "Walk across this stage and know that together, we are not only 2014, but we are also the future. Together, we are Brownies, and together we rise."

Try your best at every twist and turn

In his address to the Class of 2014, Agawam High School Principal Steve Lemanski said it was a time to celebrate the next step in their lives. He added that graduation marks "a very special day" as the seniors will now be leaving to go off to college, the working world and the military.

"Trying your best at every twist and turn is necessary as you move forward as a person," said Lemanski. "School can only teach you so much. You must take what you've learned in school and out of school, from your fam-



Vincent Derose uses his smartphone to take a photo of classmates (l. r.) Tyler Desrosiers, Joshua Flynn, and Anthony Garvin.



The smiles on the faces of Kerry DeForge, Emily Ferrands, Rachel Burton, and Erica Gallerani are as bright as their white caps and gowns.

ily, friends, and all of the people around you to form the person you will become."

He told the graduating seniors that facing daily challenges will be a part of their futures. "You may be feeling very proud and joyous of all that you have accomplished as you sit here being honored. Your life is just beginning. You've reached a time when the decisions you make are more important than ever."

Lemanski encouraged students to adopt a philosophy of single-tasking – to focus on one thing, and slow down. "Prioritize what is most important and make sure to take some time for yourselves. You are the most important person to you."

How you live truly matters

Looking out at the Class of 2014, Mayor Richard Cohen said that he saw graduating seniors who have accomplished tremendous goals, taken healthy risks, and obtained notoriety and honor for good deeds done. "I see a collected group of incredibly well-educated, highly-motivated learners, who have made Agawam very proud."

Cohen told seniors that time is about to speed up for them, that they are no longer at the top, but once again at "the foothills of the mountain, the start of a race, and the first chapter of a new book." He said he wished he could tell them that the rest was easy and that they've been through the hardest part, or that they'll stop being graded.

"But you will be graded. And it will at times be difficult. At the next level you'll be scored, rated, and ranked on much more than what you do in the classroom. You'll be marked by how you are as a person, how you treat others, how you treat yourself, and how you act as a citizen of this great country. How you live truly matters."

As members of the Class of 2014 prepared to go their separate ways following "this academic rite of passage," Cohen urged them to embrace change, embark on new adventures, take risks, push boundaries, keep promises, and keep moving.

"Remember how you got there, remember what your family taught you, what your friends see in you, and most importantly, remember who you are. Integrity, kindness, and the depth of your character are for you."

Graduates will face different and difficult challenges

Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli described graduation as a "momentous occasion."

Making his third graduation address as superintendent, he said the word "momentous" describes the countless individual achievements, struggles, and challenges that are the fabric of every high school diploma. "It also recognizes eight semesters of difficult assignments, term papers, and many nights staying up late to finish homework."

He said the Class of 2014 had successfully completed some of the most rigorous requirements for graduation in the nation. "I'm sure you realize that this was a team effort and that you are here today with the help of family, friends, teachers, counselors, coaches, and administrators who stood by you, encouraged you, supported you, and believed in you."

The superintendent told the soon-to-be graduates that today's world will present "many different and difficult challenges" that will test their resolve and question their career choices. "Whichever career path you choose to follow, use your talent, energy, and the knowledge you have gained during the past 13 years, to make the world a better place where the 'pursuit of happiness' is more than just words in a famous quote by Thomas Jefferson."

Sapelli said the Class of 2014 represents "the excellence" that makes Agawam Public Schools a premier district. "Always remember the orange and brown of Agawam High School with great fondness and pride."

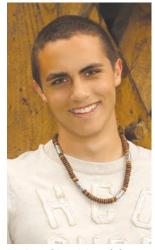
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Agawam High School top graduating seniors









Nolan Sheridan (2)



Emily Hartmann (3)



Molly Mittler (4)



Timothy Consedine (4)



Ashley Lockwood (6)



Nedime Ahmeti (7)



Patrick Rieker (8)



Sydney Cassell (8)



Nathan Riley (10)



Alisa Kotiarova (10)



James Watkins (10)



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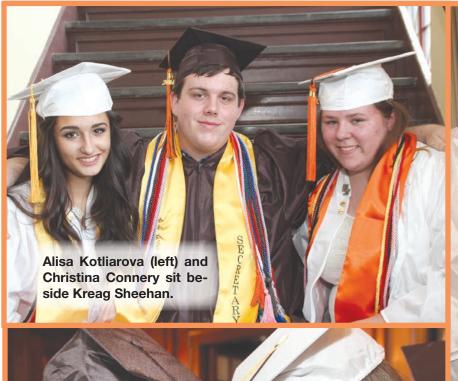


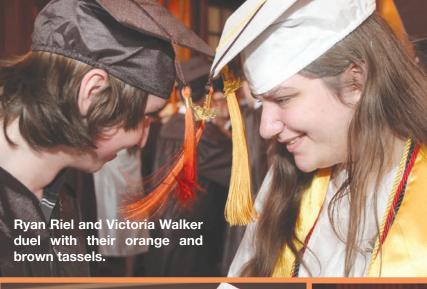




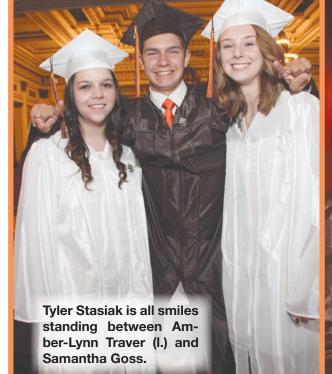
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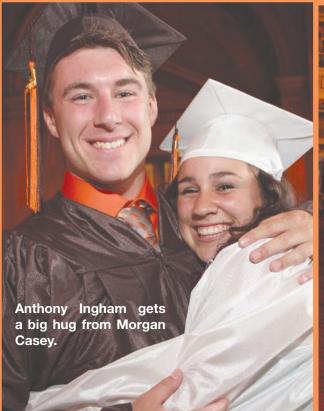














Class President Caitlin McCarthy leads the Class of 2014 into Symphony Hall amid the cheers and applause of friends and family.





Gabrielle Mirolli (left) and Taylor Misiorski applaud after the AHS Honors Choir Band performed the Star Spangled Banner as part of the opening for graduation ceremonies.

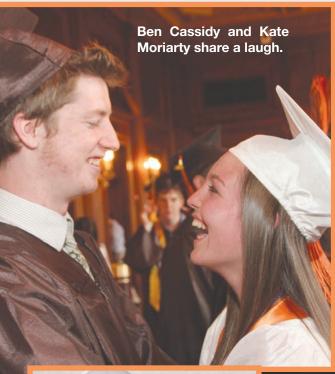
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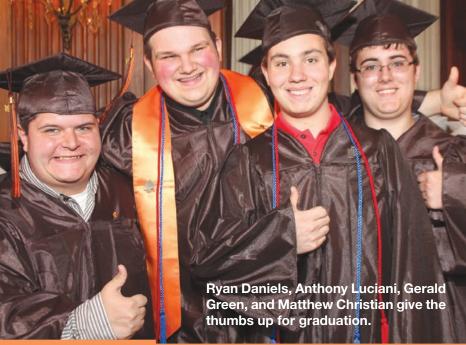
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to graduate are (l. r.) beth Theroux, Ashlee Courtney Day, Alissa hiarelli.



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her following graduation.



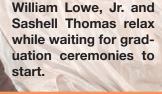


Megan Cecchi delivers the valedictory address.





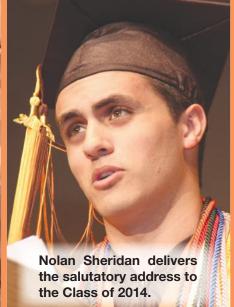
Brooke Gamelli, Avelina Korotich, and Christine Nagel (l. to r.) strike a pose as they wait for graduation ceremonies to begin.

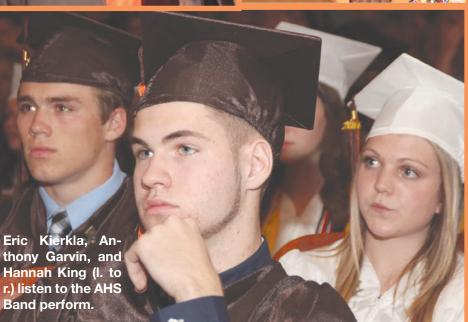






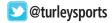
Kahlil Wallace receives his diploma from Mayor Richard Cohen.











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Brownies set for another state crown

Match set for Friday at Hudson

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It's state final time and the Agawam volleyball team is back in the finals following a 3-0 sweep of the Central Massachusetts champions Xaverian.

Volleyball is much different than other tournament sports as they only have one tournament because of a lack of teams in the state. Also, the rotation of state tournament semifinals is something other tournaments do not do.

In other tournaments, the Western champion always faces the Central champion. In volleyball, the semifinal bracket rotates. Last year, Agawam faced the South Champion while Chicopee Comp faced the North Champion in

It does not matter what champion Agawam has had to face in the past two years. The Brownies have simply answered the challenge.

They have won the sectional championship in three of past four seasons, and they have been in the championship game for the seven years. After getting over the hump by beating Chicopee Comp three years ago, Agawam had not only

turned into a championship contender each year, they have become a legitimate championship threat.

This year, their top four players will hopefully lead them to another state championship when they play against the winner of North Champion Acton-Boxboro and South Champion Newton South.

The game will be played Friday at Hudson High School at 7 p.m.

Zach Goggin has been Agawam's main setter for the past few years. This year, he had an amazing season and showed great confidence in switching up his game during the year. Instead of always setting up his teammates for a kill, Goggin developed a quick move that tipped a set over the net, sometimes fooling his opponent that was expecting a big spike. With that move in his repertoire, he scored 61 kills this season.

But his traditional setting ability has netted him 583 saves.

Agawam's front line of Ben Cassidy, Wade Robidoux, and Bailey Cecchi has provided the Brownies with three seniors that simply hit the ball hard when it is set up for

With each staggered on the court, Agawam has a threat to

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Agawam's Benjamin Cassidy (13) hits a bump shot.



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Agawam's Aidan Pender (2) goes up for a big hit.

Lady Lancers too tough for Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam girls lacrosse team was defeated in their final game of the season at Longmeadow 19-3 in the quarterfinals of the West/Central Massachusetts Division I Tournament on May

Unfortunately for the Brownies, it was another case of having trouble overcoming Longmeadow's very potent offense and keeping them from scoring.

Agawam trailed throughout the game and never really got a chance to mount any major rallies.

Longmeadow was able to score eight goals before Agawam ever got on the scoreboard.

With 8:09 remaining in the first half, Jackie Neilsen finally helped the Brownies break through when she took a ball near midfield and took it to the goal. Unfortunately, Agawam was not able to win a lot of faceoffs, or the strategy could have worked. Neilsen's speed allowed her to get the faceoff in the air and simply sprint to the goal and have a one-on-one opportunity against the Longmeadow goalie.

Following Neilsen's goal, unfortunately, Agawam was not able to get anything else going in the first half and headed to halftime trailing 13-1.

In the second half, Longmeadow did not slow down and the Lancers

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Kristina Tran looks for an open teammate after making



Jackie Neilsen competes for a loose ball.

Long layoff no problem for Brownies

Dispatch Xaverian in straight sets

By Gregory A. Scibelli Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam boys volleyball team had a full week off before heading into the State Tournament where they traveled to Hudson High School to take on Xaverian, the Central Massachusetts champion.

Xaverian did not play their final until later last week. Agawam showed no signs of rust as they ran pions and conquered their final step to the state finals with a 3-0

Agawam was not going to let any team upset them and after being taken to five games in last year's state semifinal, the Brownies showed they have what it takes to be a state champion again.

Agawam was the top seed in the took command of the first game

The Brownies were able to take roughshot over the central cham- Please see BROWNIES, page 16

Rieker, Hartmann named McDonalds McScholar Athletes

SPRINGFIELD - High school seniors from across Western Massachusetts were presented with the McDonald's McScholar Athlete Award for exemplary athletic and academic achievements, strong leadership, good citizenship and high levels of integrity.

A total of 88 students – the largest McScholar class in program history – were presented with the award at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield by Scott Coen, local media personality.

Westfield native Kacey Bellamy

returned to her hometown area to honor the next generation of Western Massachusetts athletes. As a two-time Olympic silver medalist with the U.S. Women's hockey team and Boston Blades ice hockey defenseman, Bellamy served as the event's keynote speaker. George Gomez, a McDonald's manager from Western Massachusetts, congratulated the athletes and welcomed the principals, parents, and coaches who turned out to honor the accomplishments of the scholar-athletes. The students

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Patrick Rieker (second from left) and Emily Hartmann (second from right) were recognized as McDonalds McScholar Athletes. They are pictured with George Gomez, a McDonald's manager from Western Massachusetts (far left) and Olympian Kacey Bellamy (far right).

have successfully balanced participation in school sports, strong academic standing, community volunteerism, as well as numerous other activities.

The following high school students were honored from Agawam with the McScholar Athlete Award: Patrick Rieker and Emily Hartmann.

"We are excited to be recognizing our 18th McScholar class in 2014. These student-athletes are exemplary individuals and deserve to be commended for their accomplishments," said George Gomez. "The McDonald's owner/operators of Western Massachusetts are proud to work with schools on this local program and wish all of the McScholar Athlete recipients continued success in the future."

The annual McScholar Athlete Awards program was founded by the local McDonald's owner/operators in Western Massachusetts. McDonald's created the McScholar Athlete program, which is the largest of its type in Western Massachusetts, working with local high school principals who nominate one male and one female student from their school each year.

Dustin qualifies for national championship



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Agawam junior Megan Dustin (third from right) competed last month at the Pan American Triathlon Championship.

DALLAS, Texas - Megan Dustin, of Agawam, competed at the Pan American Triathlon Championship May 31 in Dallas.

She finished 10th overall and fourth for the USA team. She earned her spot on the USA team at a race in Sarasota, Fla., in March.

Dustin has qualified for the National Championship in West Chester, Ohio in August and will compete on the USA team at the World Championship in Canada in October. She trains under coach Martha Grinnell, Dynamic Training, and does her swim training with coach Nick Rice, Holyoke YMCA Vikings.

- GOLF CALENDAR

Agawam High School Athletics to host 20th Annual Golf Tournament in September

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department invites the public to save the date and participate in its 20th annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 27 at Oak Ridge Country Club.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam High School as some do in other communities. Please join us for an enjoyable day and support a good cause.

Specific details/information will be released soon. If you would like to participate as a golfer or sponsor, or donate a raffle prize, please contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic Office at 821-0529 or at dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

Golfers wanted for inaugural William B. Menard Memorial Tournament

AGAWAM - Local golf pro William (Billy) Menard passed away unexpectedly after a short illness in October 2013 at the age of

The inaugural William B. Menard Golf Tournament will take place at Crestview Country Club on Friday, June 20.

Menard played golf for Agawam High School, Johnson Wales University; returning to Agawam to become an assistant pro at area courses including Crestview Country Club and Ellington Ridge in Connecticut.

Menard's passion for golf was reflected in his devotion to the sport in both his personal and professional life. Menard especially loved teaching junior golfers how to play the "right way" and always included the life's lessons that go with the sport.

Menard's family and friends would like to honor his memory by holding this annual tournament with proceeds going toward funding a scholarship established in his name. The scholarship will be presented to a local student studying golf course management in college; winners will be announced at the end of each tournament. This year marks the first year of the event held at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.

Golfers interested in playing, sponsors, and those wishing to make donations should contact; Bryan Menard at billygolf13@

gmail.com for information and entry forms. The field is limited to 36 teams and entry fees and donations should be in by June 14. Join Menard's family and friends in honoring his memory with a great day of golf and fun!

Tommy Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament set for July 6

AGAWAM - The annual Tommy Quinn Memorial Golf Tournament will take place at Oak Ridge Golf Club on Sunday, July 6.

There will be dinner, raffle and prizes. Entry fee is \$100 per person or \$30 for dinner only.

Format is a four-man scramble. Registration begins at 11 a.m.

Lunch runs from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15

Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

Cocktails follow from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information or tickets call Red Top at 413-426-7908, Aldo Palazzi at 413-427-1187, Donna Quinn Pisano at 413-351-5207 or Jackie Guiel at 413-896-2545.

Scramble for the Animals seeks golfers

FEEDING HILLS - Volunteers of the Westfield Homeless Cat Project and Friends of the Westfield Regional Animal Shelter invite golfers to a Scramble for the Animals on Sunday, August 3 at Oak Ridge Golf Club.

This year's \$5,000 goal will help to save the lives of hundreds of cats and dogs in the Greater Westfield area.

The \$95 cost includes golf, cart, lunch, dinner and prizes; dinner only is \$25. Prizes for a hole-in-one include: a new car from Bertera Subaru, a \$3500 value pool or spa from Teddy Bear Pools and Spa and a cash prize of \$700. Other prizes include \$100 cash for closet to the pin - male and female, and \$50 for longest drive - male and female.

Signup will be at 11:30 a.m. with a shot-gun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration deadline is July 15.

Please consider sponsoring a hole for \$50.00. It can be in the name of a business, in honor of or in memory of a loved one, or pet. Raffles prizes will also be appreciated. For more information and registration form, contact Marie Boccasile at 413-564-0589 or e-mail at marieboccasile@gmail.com.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer.

Registration has begun and will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513.

Boston Red Sox versus Chicago Cubs,

Monday, June 30, Pavilion Box - Section 13. Cost is \$143 per person
Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros,

Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person.

The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

Sacred Heart still looking for softball players

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association softball leagues are still accepting signups for the following age groups.

U-14 NEYSA team, U-12 NEYSA team, Coach pitch league grades third, second and first.

The cost for instructional coach pitch softball (first, second and third grades) is \$75 and NEYSA is \$100.

Contact George at 413-374-2283 for more information or to register.

Crestview Ladies League open to the public

AGAWAM - Crestview Country Club's ParTee Ladies Golf League is preparing for another season of golf and is open to all women golfers, from the competitive to the "just for fun" golfer.

There are a limited number of spots left. Cost is \$70 to join, which includes weekly prizes, special events and a final banquet, also with prizes and year-end gifts.

For more information, contact Kay Soja by phone at 413-789-7901 or e-mail sojaca-therine54@comcast.net.

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were able to score three times in 5:00.

Agawam did manage a goal with 22:50 remaining in the game. Christie Mirski was carrying the ball and sent a pass across to Anna Pelligrino. She was able to score on the run to get Agawam's second goal.

Trailing 16-2, Hailey Lyne was able to take a pass from Kelly Theriault and scored.

With running time, Longmeadow as able to score three more times in the final 10:00. Just as the whistle blew for the end of the game, a lightning alarm went off hustling both teams off the field.

Agawam's season ends at 12-8.

They had an 11-7 regular season record, struggling to keep up with some teams this season. In previous seasons, Agawam was able to dominate every time in Western Mas-

sachusetts with the exception of Longmeadow and Minnechaug, which once again went at it in the Western Mass. finals.

This year, the tournament included Central Massachusetts teams as the tournament districts were reformatted. As a result, Agawam hosted a preliminary round game against Marlborough, a game they won 16-11 on May 28.

Agawam dominated on offense early in the game and was able to coast their way to

The Brownies will again graduate great talent, but hopefully continue a winning tradition next season.

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Hailey Lyne tries to guard a Longmeadow ball carrier from getting across midfield.

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a big lead and trounced on Xaverian 25-17 in the first game.

Agawam had a great game in the second one as well, also keeping their distance and captured the second one easily 25-18.

But it was not a clean-cut game in the third as the Brownies narrowly prevailed 25-23, and actually trailed several times in the

Seven times the lead changed and 14 times the game was tied.

With the game tied 11-11, Wade Robidoux did what he does best and scored a near vertical kill that prompted a six-point rally and got Agawam out to a huge lead.

Eventually, Xaverian started to catch up and scored several points of their own and found themselves trailing 19-18. With the game nearing 25, Xaverian made their move and scored four straight times to take a 23-21 lead and take the set near a fourth game.

With Agawam reeling, coach Patricia Demers called a timeout, and the Brownies responded by scoring four straight points to capture the victory and send Agawam on to the state finals.

The Brownies got great performances from their top offensive players, Robidoux, Ben Cassidy, Zach Goggin and Bailey Cec-

Cecchi was consistent again for the Brownies as he finished the game with 11 kills to lead the team. Cecchi also contributed 10 digs.

Cassidy was all over the court with six digs, two blocks, and nine kills.

Robidoux had six very impressive kills, and added two digs and three blocks. Anthony Frigo had 12 digs.

Goggin had another excellent day as the setter for Brownies. He notched 30 assists, helping out with most of their points. He also had one kill, 11 digs, and three blocks.

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score every time the ball is on their end.

Robidoux has one of the most powerful setting moves with his height and an almost straight downward hit. Cecchi has done an excellent job attacking with kills near the sideline. Cassidy has been consistent at both getting kills each game, and doing an excellent job serving.

Agawam's opponent was not available as of press time and was set to be determined on Tuesday night. Acton-Boxboro, one of their possible opponents, went 15-2 this season and was the No. 2 seed in the North Tournament. They defeated Boston Latin Academy

in the quarterfinals, Cambridge R & L in the semifinals and went to five games in the final against Lawrence.

Newton South defeated Needham in the South final. Needham was Agawam's opponent in last year's state semifinal. Newton South was the No. 1 seed and is cruising with a 23-0 recording heading into the state

Agawam is currently 20-2. Agawam's only losses were due to forfeits early in the season because of inadvertent use of an ineligible player. On the court, Agawam was never defeated this season. They also only lost five games this season. They were taken to five games in a set only once this year.



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Mutiny settle for tie with Breakers

EAST LONGMEADOW - The New England Mutiny (1-2-1 WPSL New England) faced off against the Boston Breakers Academy (1-1-1 WPSL New England) at East Longmeadow High School in a vital divisional encounter.

The home side came out of the gates brightly and with intent but a stifling performance from the Boston defense particularly goalkeeper Paige Burnett (eight saves) in net frustrated the New England offense in a 0-0

"Its pretty frustrating," said Mutiny head coach Roy Gurnon, as his team has only scored one goal in their past three matches. "We were making all the wrong decisions at the wrong times when we went forward. We knocked the ball around a lot but when it came time to put someone in on goal we just couldn't execute."

After briefly holding the run of play to start the match, the Breakers Academy began to fall back as the Mutiny started to turn the screw. The build-up play of the team's offense culminated midway through the first half, as in the 22nd minute, Kate Howarth's shot forced a brilliant diving save from Burnett.

The Northeastern University keeper tipped Howarth's shot off the crossbar and out of play for a corner kick. Sonia Basma would test Burnett with her best scoring opportunity of the half just a minute later. In all, the Mutiny racked up six high quality shots on goal and seven corner kicks on the Breakers Academy defense in the first half.

The second half would not start as brightly as the first for the Mutiny. It would take until the 56th minute for the home side offense to test Burnett, and she made a solid save on Howarth's free kick taken from outside the penalty area. Julia Weithofer would also test the Boston keeper in the 74th minute, but her shot from the top of the area was corralled.

After a late corner kick in the 82nd minute by the Mutiny, the Breakers Academy would hold on the rest of the game for the 0-0 draw. After going on the road for their next two matches, New England will return home to East Longmeadow High School on Saturday, June 28. The team will host the New Hampshire Phantoms (2-2-0 WPSL New England) for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Casagrande tournament set for summer

LUDLOW - The 13th annual Lou Casagrande Baseball Tournament will take place July 28-Aug. 3.

The cost is \$275 per team.

There are three guaranteed games in the 8-10, 10-12 or 12-14 age divisions.

Send check and registration to: Ludlow Baseball Association c/o Bob Bohl, 50 Elaine Dr., Ludlow, MA 01056.

For more information, contact tournament director Bob Bohl at 413-348-5752 or send an email to bohl58@charter.net.

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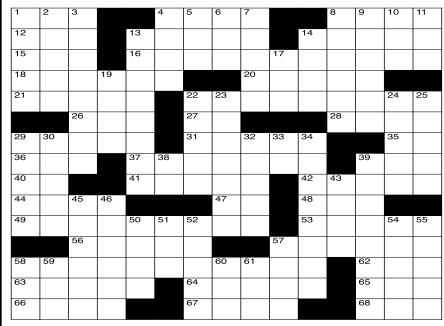
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- college
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- 12. Rotating mechanism
- 13. Strong sharp smell or taste
- 14. Squash bug genus
- 15. Eggs
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- down 21. Killed
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- 10. Very fast airplane 11. Cologne
- 13. Benign glandular tumors
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33. Promotional

38. 12th Greek letter

39. Military weapon

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Prime Minister

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55. African antelope

43. No. diving sea

46. P. Reubens'

50. Dawdles

Herman

51. 1st Japanese

34. Rubicund

- 57. Ice hockey fake
- 58. Expression of triumph
- 59. Dandy
- 60. Actor Aykroyd
- 61. Microgram

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<u>Arts</u>

Tobacco Valley Artists DEATH NOTICES & SER to meet June 8

The next meeting of the Tobacco Valley Artists Association will be held Wednesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. The meeting will include election of officers and chairpersons for the 2014-2015 year.

Demonstrator for the evening will be artist Ceil Rossi, who is known for her painting on three-dimensional surfaces, "carefree gourds

Rossi lived in the Southwest for 26 years, explored working with gourds and opened her own gourd gallery in Arizona. She participated in many juried shows, won an assortment of awards and is a member of numerous art organizations.

The public is invited.

A SELL-OUT



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Things did not go well for the Whos and Mr. & Mrs. Mayor (Mitch Czerpak and Lynn Ann Parsons, back row) at the Red Door Theatre's production of "Seussical" the Musical, which played to three sold-out performances last weekend.

Majestic Theater announces summer lineup

WEST SPRINGFIELD - Danny Eaton, producing director of the Theater Project in West Springfield, has announced the summer lineup of concerts and events at the Majestic Theater. For a complete listing, visit www.majestictheater.com. Tickets for all concerts are currently on sale at the box office at 131 Elm St. in West Springfield, or may be purchased by calling (413) 747-7797. The Majestic Theater Café will open one hour before performances, and will feature a variety of items on its summer menu, as well as beer, wine and soda.

In addition to the concert series, the Majestic will also hold its popular Open Mic Nights, hosted by Floyd Patterson, on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. from July 8 to Aug. 26. Singers, musicians, comedians, magicians and other performers must call the Majestic Theater at (413) 747-7797 to book a spot during one of the weekly

shows. Audience members will be able to vote for their favorite performers. Tickets are \$5 for both performers and audience members during the regular Open Mic

Also returning will be Improvisational Comedy with The Majesters, which features a troupe of the best improv comics from across the Pioneer Valley for an evening of unscripted comic mayhem. Improvisational Comedy with The Majesters takes place Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. July 9 to Aug. 27. Tickets are \$7.

The Majestic will also present children's theater this summer. "Pinocchio," "Fantastic Mr. Fox" and "Hansel & Gretel" will be presented in July and August. purchase tickets to all three plays at the same time join "The Snack Club," which entitles them to get free snack at each

Museums participate in Blue Star Program

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Museums will once again join over 2,000 museums across the country by participating in the Blue Star Museums Program, which provides free admission to active duty military personnel and their families from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2014. The Blue Star Museums Program is a collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of De-

"We are proud and honored to continue our participation in this wonderful program this year. It's one small thing that the Springfield Museums can do to support the individuals and families who sacrifice so much in serving our country," said Holly SmithBové, president of the Museums.

Free general admission is available for the duration of the program to any active duty member of the military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and NOAA Commissioned Corps) and up to five family members. At the time of entry, military members must show a Geneva Convention Common Access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card. Participants will receive general admission to all four Springfield Museums; planetarium shows or other special program fees are not included.

Obituaries & Church News

Safford, Stewart R. Died June 4, 2014 Services at Convenience of the Family Agawam Funeral Home

Stewart R. Safford

Stewart R. Safford, 86, entered into eternal rest on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at home. Born in Agawam, the youngest of 11 children of the late Winfield and Leta

(Snow) Safford, he was a lifelong resident of Agawam. Stewart worked as sales representative for many years Ingersoll for Rand before his

retirement. He was a star quarterback at Agawam High School and started Agawam AA semi-pro football with Buddy Johnson and Mushy Grasso. He had been a member of the Agawam School Committee, organized pitch games at the Polish American Club and was a member of the Elm-Belcher Lodge of Masons for 62 years.

Stewart was a 20-year member of Oak Ridge Country Club and was in charge of the sand baggers. He was a blood donor for many years and loved doing outside work, his yard being his pride and joy. He leaves his wife of 43 years, Ellen (Regan) Safford; a son, Gary Safford of Charlotte, N.C.; two daughters, Donna Safford Fleury of Agawam and Cindi Safford of Cape Coral, Fla.; two stepsons, Ronald Grant of New Haven, Conn. and David Grant of Shelton, Conn.; a stepdaughter, Mary

Ellen Marsili of Agawam; a sister, Althea Montagna of Illinois; 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. The funeral was Sunday, June 8, at the Agawam Funeral Home with a Masonic Service.

Donations may be made to Baystate Visiting Nurse & Hospice, Baystate Health Foundation, 280 Chestnut St., 6th Floor, Springfield, MA 01199 or Shriners Hospital, 516 Carew St., Springfield, MA 01104-2396. Agawam Funeral Home is in charge of burial at Agawam Center Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Agawam Advertiser News Obituary Policy

Turley Publications offers two types of obituaries. One is a free, brief **Death Notice listing** the name of deceased, date of death and funeral date and place. The other is a **Paid** Obituary, costing \$50, which allows families to publish extended death notice information of their own choice and may include a photograph.

Death Notices & Paid Obituaries should be submitted through a funeral home to: obits@turley.com.

Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

'Peace Day' open to area youth

Agawam United Methodist Church, 459 Mill St., Feeding Hills, will host "Peace Day," Friday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to all children and youth ages 6 through 18, participants will engage in a variety of activities equipping them with tools needed for creating peace in themselves, their families, their communities and the world. Registration fee for the event is \$5 per child and \$10 maximum for two or more children and families

An all-family cookout will take place

from 5:30-7 p.m. and will include "makeyour-own" sundaes for dessert.

To register for the event, call (413) 786-4174 or email meriblan1980@gmail.com

Students of junior- and senior high schoolage may be eligible to earn community ser-

A freewill offering will be collected and donated to The Mattie J. T. Stepanek Foundation, dedicated to furthering Mattie's message of peace.



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V&F Celebrates grand opening

V & F Auto, Inc., celebrated the grand opening of its new CARQUEST Auto Parts store on Harding Street in Agawam this past Saturday. The new facility is located directly across the street from the previous location.

V & F Auto, Inc., has undergone multiple expansions since it opened in 1988. "We were doing fine across the street at our previous location," explained owner Frank Palange, "but we wanted to expand and create more jobs and opportunity. You can't succeed without taking a risk. That's been my motto and so far it seemed

V&F's CARQUEST Auto Parts store is now open for business six days a week, servicing both the doit-yourself and professional installer

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Pictured (front row, left to right) are V & F Auto owner Frank Palange; Operations & Marketing Director Nicole Palange; and Vice President Vincent Palange with their **CARQUEST Auto Parts staff** at the recent grand opening.



<u>Legal Notices</u>

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS **LEGAL** ADVERTISEMENT

May 12, 2014 Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Monday, June 23, 2014 at 6:30PM for all parties interested in the appeal of Dragon Paradise LLC, which is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7 of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for a business in a non-conforming structure at the premises identified as 270 Main Street.

Doreen Prouty Chairperson Agawam Board of Appeals 6/5,6/12/14

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Doreen Prouty Chairperson Agawam Board of Appeals 6/5.6/12/14

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Hampden Probate** and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD14P1089PO In the matter of:

Jo Ann Asselin TRUST CITATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Jo Ann Asselin of East Longmeadow MA, Trustee, requesting an order (a) authorizing Trustee to sell property known as 20 Central Street in Agawam, MA for such consideration as Trustee deems advisable, (b) authorizing Trustee to hold proceeds from the sale of the Property in trust until such time as the Court determines the proper beneficiary or beneficiaries of Trust, and (c) authorizing Trustee to use the trust funds to pay the debts of the Trust and reasonable expenses of administration of Trust; and determine the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the Trust and direct the Trustee to distribute the Trust property accordingy, all as more fully set forth in said petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m.on

June 27, 2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 30, 2014 Suzanne T Seguin

Register of Probate 6/12/14

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street**

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Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD14P1167EA Estate of: **Dennis Michael Burnett** Also Known As: Dennis Burnett

Date of Death: 8/3/13 **INFORMAL PROBATE** PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate,

by Petition of Petitioner Clarisse Y. Burnett of Agawam MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Clarisse Y. Burnett of Agawam MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court. but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts **The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street** Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD10P2541PM In the matter of: **Marilyn Coates** Of: Agawam, MA Protected Person/

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

Disabled Person/ Respondent **CITATION GIVING** NOTICE OF **CONSERVATOR'S** ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that the Second Amended account(s) of Dennis Coates of Chicopee, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

You have the right to object to the account(s). If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 06/27/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to object to the accounts. If you fail to file the written appearance and objection by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you, including the

allowance of the account(s). Additionally, within thirty days after said return day (or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order), you must file a written affidavit of objections stating the specific facts and grounds upon which each objection is based and a copy shall be served upon the Conservator pursuant to Rule 3 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family

You have the right to send to the Conservator, by registered or certified mail, a written request to receive a copy of the account(s) at no cost to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 29, 2014

Suzanne T Seguin Register of Probate 6/12/14

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Hampden Probate and**

Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD14P0908EA Estate of: Evelvn M Goodkowsky

Date of Death: 05/22/2012 CITATION ON PETITION FOR **FORMAL**

ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Kimberly DelGizzo of Boston MA and Eric Goodkowsky of FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: Kimberly DelGizzo of Boston MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 06/27/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice

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WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 30, 2014

Suzanne T Seguin Register of Probate

06.12.14

Legal Ad **AGAWAM** HISTORICAL **COMMISSION**

The Agawam Historical Commission will be holding a public hearing at 7:00 PM on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street. The purpose of this hearing will be to review the Demolition Permit for 14 North Westfield Street which comes under the Town of Agawam's Demolition Delay Ordinance.

By Order of David Cecchi, Chairman AGAWAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION 6/12,6/19/14



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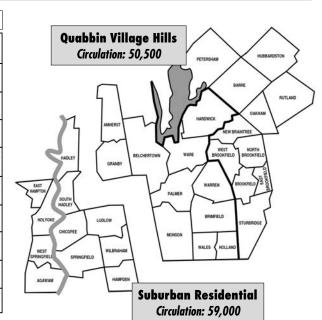


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Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

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The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL AGAWAM ELEMENTARY **SCHOOLS**

Monday, June 16: Whole-wheat pancakes, baked potato rounds, pork sausage links, applesauce cup, orange juice cup. Tuesday, June 17: Yogurt, whole-wheat

grilled cheese, whole-wheat goldfish crackers, steamed peas, fresh and chilled

Wednesday, June 18: Meatball grinder on whole-wheat roll with shredded mozzarella, Cape Cod chips, vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.

Thursday, June 19: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, June 20: Grilled chicken on whole-wheat roll, sweet potato fries, fresh and chilled fruit.

AHS Counseling Bulletin

SAT Summer Institute: Westfield State University will be offering an SAT Summer Institute beginning Monday, Aug. 4, through Thursday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Students will also have access to online review sessions throughout September, preparing them for fall 2014 SAT exams. The SAT Summer Institute covers all math and verbal skills needed for success on the SAT exam. Class sessions use real test questions to show just how these skills are tested on the SAT exam. The course will cover quantitative topics and verbal topics as well as general test-taking matters. The cost of the SAT Summer Institute is \$499, and this includes all required books and materials as well as online access to review sessions. Early registration discount of \$449 is available until June 13. For more information, contact Brandon Fredette at 413-572-8033, email bfredette@ westfield.ma.edu or visit www.westfield. ma.edu/communityed. Space is limited.

Fairfield University Pre-College Workshop: Fairfield University is hosting this workshop July 8-9. This program is intended for current sophomores and juniors and will expose students to various aspects of the college experience and give them a greater understanding of how to select and later apply to colleges that are right for them. Applications are available in the Counseling Office. You must mail them to Fairfield University by June 13. An unofficial transcript must accompany the application. Make sure you give your counselor ample time to get it for you.

Summer Legal Institute: This is a free five-day legal immersion program located at Western New England University School of Law from July 7-11. Students who participate will study the legal system and how it works alongside attorney and judge volunteers, analyze selected cases, debate legal issues and participate in both a mock trial and an oral argument, learn what it takes to become a lawyer and observe the action at law firms and courthouses, develop contacts with legal professionals and organizations and gain insight into the college admissions process. Enrollment is limited to 50 students. Student must register online at jtbf.org.

Scholarships: See your counselor for more information or an application.

Local Scholarships: Check out the AHS Counseling website for a link.

Agawam residents graduate from Willie Ross School for the Deaf

LONGMEADOW - Two Agawam residents have graduated from the Willie Ross School for the Deaf in Longmeadow. Rvan Castonguay. who has been a Willie Ross student since 2004, plans to attend the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) in the fall. The school is one of the nine colleges of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) in Rochester, New York. He will be majoring in computer technology and achieved the honor roll throughout the past academic year. Benjamin LaBelle, who was a student between the 2010 and 2013 academic years and again starting this past

January, will also be attending NTID in the fall where he will major in engineering. Both graduates were in the WRSD partnership program at East Longmeadow High School where they were enrolled in many mainstream classes with hearing peers

"Both of these students took challenging courses, and their experience at Willie Ross has prepared them well for the next chapters of their lives," Willie Ross President Bert Carter said. "We are proud of their accomplishments and they are wonderful representatives of the

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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote "free" events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, June 13

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, offers entertainment by different bands every Friday night beginning at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

Saturday, June 14

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will host a strawberry supper with seatings at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$5 for children under 12, are available in the church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon, at coffee hour, or by calling the church office at (413) 786-7111.

THE SPRINGFIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, features karaoke every Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.

Sunday, June 15

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Dawn Whitley, D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts," focusing on "Medieval / Religious Paintings." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is avail-

A FREE BREAKFAST ON THE LAWN is offered every Sunday at 9 a.m. at Hope Community Church located at 152 South Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Everyone is welcome on the "hill" for a good breakfast and good fellowship. For more information, call (413) 786-2445 or email office@hopechurchagawam.org.

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND invites all dads and granddads to enjoy a free ride when accompanied by a paying child. The Holyoke Merry-Go-Round is open Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. and is located in Heritage State Park. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

Tuesday, June 17

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("The Errand Boy") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets

every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Wednesday, June 18

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE SPRING-FIELD TURNVEREIN, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, takes place every Wednesday night in June beginning at 7 p.m. The public is invited. Prizes are

COMMUNITY GRANGE 382 OF FEEDING HILLS will hold its 35th annual Strawberry Supper at the Grange Hall, 47 North West St., Feeding Hills with servings from 4 to 7 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults; \$4.75 for children under 12. Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061. The public is invited.

Thursday, June 19

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Something from Nothing: The Story of the Gee's Bend Quilts," featuring Steve Wittenberg, MD, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

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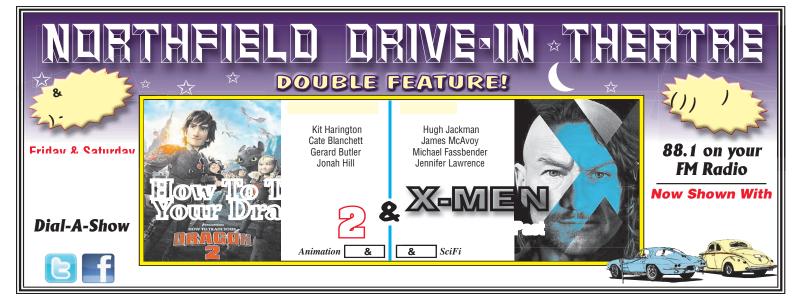
THE ANNUAL ROBINSON STATE PARK DAY is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 beginning at 8 a.m. This year's event will focus is on walks, with a variety appropriate for all ages. There is a \$5 entry fee for each vehicle that enters through the front gate at 462 North St., Feeding Hills. Members of the Friends Group will be available at the Trestle Pavilion with photo displays and maps to answer questions and help attendees learn more about the park.

A COMMUNITY TAG AND BAKE SALE will take place Saturday, June 21 at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Off-street parking available. The public is invited.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL AND FIREHOUSE MUSEUM will be open Sunday, June 22 from 1-4 p.m. A new exhibit, "Riverside Park - A Century as the Playground of the Connecticut Valley," is being featured this year. David Cecchi will be present to share pieces of his Riverside Park collection and to sign copies of his book on Riverside Park. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassocation.org.

ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, July 9 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Wednesday, July 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.



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Agawam Lions host annual Spring Festival

The Agawam Lions Club held its third annual Spring Festival at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills on Saturday, June 6. Local vendors, crafters, antique cars, members of the Agawam Fire Department and more were on-hand to participate in the community event. All proceeds will go to fund eye research. For more information about the Agawam Lions Club and future events visit www. agawamlions.org.



Terry Angotti, left, and Janice Reynolds, of Agawam, admire some thriving plants available for purchase.



Ed and Ryan Smith, of the First Lego League "Brick Heads" maneuver some radio-controlled Lego sculptures.



Irene Scanlon from "Irene's Closet" displays a hand-made birdhouse mounted on a pitchfork



Agawam firefighter Pam Murphy runs a fire safety educational program for students and seniors. Cat, Pumper and fire dog, Blaze accompany her.



People gather around an Agawam Fire Department truck to talk fire safety with Agawam firefighter Pam Murphy.



Jenna Broussard, 10, and Ava Goddard, 3, both of Agawam, get acquainted with the Agawam Fire Department's four-legged representative, Blaze.



Rosie Robotics team member Rachael Blain controls "Rosie 13.0."

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